

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~The invention relates to a~~ A cleaning method for the screen stencil of a silk-screen printing machine. According to ~~[[said]]~~ the method, prior to an intermediate printing process designed to clean the screen stencil, the underside of ~~[[said]]~~ the stencil is ~~[[wet]]~~ wetted with a cleaning agent that dissolves dye. ~~The invention also relates to an~~ An intermediate printing device includes ~~[[comprising]]~~ an intermediate printing roll that can be displaced back and forth. A rotating roll that is immersed in a cleaning bath is situated at the front end of ~~[[said]]~~ the intermediate printing roll. The rotating roll can be brought into contact with the underside of the screen stencil prior to the intermediate printing process by means of a pivoting device.